

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

OPIC Grossenhain Airfield

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1. On 1 May 1951, eight silver jet fighters with swept-back wings were parked on the southern edge of Grossenhain airfield. (1)

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Two tank trucks were parked near the planes. There was no flying between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. although the weather was good.

2. A row of lights was seen in the southeastern extension of the runway. The lights were fitted on poles which gradually increased in height. (2) A mast about 12 meters high with a bulge on its top was situated at approximately the end of the runway lights, north of Grossenhain-Folbern (N 52/A 01) road, about 150 meters from the boundary of Folbern. (3) The mast had guy wires at the top and at about two thirds of its height. A wooden hut and a radio truck were near the mast.

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3. Only air force personnel were seen entering and leaving the field. About 20 sentries were seen during the period of observation. No information could be obtained as to why the field was so heavily guarded.

4. Three lieutenant colonels and seven majors of the Soviet Air Force who wore decorations were seen going toward the officers' club located in the Sachsenhof restaurant. 30 Soviet soldiers participated in the May Day festivals in town.

5. On 18 April, 20 jet aircraft were counted at the field.

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There was no flying at the field between 28 April and 2 May. (4) Two jet aircraft of another type were seen at the field for the first time on 7 May.

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6. On 14 May at 11:30 a.m., eight jet aircraft were parked south of the long runway. (6)

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Comments.

- (1) The airfield is occupied by two fighter regiments equipped with MiG-15s and some trainers of PO-2 and Yak-11 types.
- (2) The lights mark the approach lane. They are situated between the concrete runway and the inner landing beacon.
- (3) [redacted] reported that this installation was a landing beacon.
- (4) [redacted] at least 50 MiG-15s are stationed in Grossenhain.
- (5) No reports have been received [redacted] indicating that jet aircraft of another type are stationed in Grossenhain. It is possible that the aircraft observed are two-seater MiG-15s or LA-17s which are believed to be stationed in the Soviet Zone of Germany.
- (6) The eight MiG-15s, observed on different days, probably are the two alert squadrons which are parked on the landing field.

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